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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

V-Pres ALBEN W BARKLEY: "(Prospects for world peace) are brighter today than they were a yr ago, and it may be they are brighter than they have been since actual fighting in '45." 1-Q

WALTER REUTHER, pres, AUV: "Last yr we had a housing crisis in this country. Today we have a housing tragedy." 2-Q

Supreme Court Justice WM O DOUGLAS: "Violent swings in (the business cycle) . . . are man-made and therefore can be controlled by man. It is ironical to conclude that man is doomed to be the victim of his lack of planning and that he is powerless to do anything about it." 3-Q

JESSE JONES, former U S Sec'y of Commerce: "It is obvious that the recession has begun. But I certainly see no serious depression, nothing approaching that of the early 30's, for the simple reason that we have learned how not to have a depression in this country." 4-Q

PAUL G HOFFMAN, ECA administrator: "If the European recovery program brings peace and stability it will turn out to be the greatest bargain the American people ever had." 5-Q

Mlada Fronta, newspaper of the Fed of Czech Youth: "The children of today are often politically more mature than we assume . . . Only a few of them are interested in

fairy tales of kings and princesses. Instead, they are interested in tanks, planes and combines." 6-Q

"JOE CROW," *Indianapolis Star* weather prophet, commenting on uproar caused by Pres TRUMAN's public use of old American idiom "S O B": "Why all the excitement? Perhaps Pres Truman was referring to col. Drew Pearson as a 'Smart Old Boy'." 7-Q

Moderator of ABC's *Town Meeting of the Air* as audience took sides in heated debate between Fed'l Security Administrator OSCAR EWING and Dr MORRIS FISHBURN, ed of *American Medical Ass'n Jnl*, over nat'l health ins plan: "We don't boo or hiss in Town Hall—grit your teeth." 8-Q

ERNEST BEVIN, British For'gn Sec'y: "If the west and the other peace-loving nations get together now, get a complete understanding, co-ordinate their defense efforts, there will be no war for 100 yrs." 9-Q

EARL O SHREVE, pres, U S Chamber of Commerce: "Pres Truman's program of creeping socialism could be as ruinous as galloping communism." 10-Q

THOS BAMFORD, 65, enrolled in the College of Law at the Univ of Notre Dame: "If I can display to the young people that even the obstacle of age can be overcome. I will consider my 3 yrs well spent." 11-Q

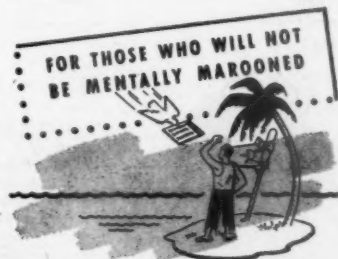
POPE PIUS XII: "We invoke with all the ardor of our hearts the hr in which all nations will extend in friendship their hand to work together toward restoration of a humanity which today is torn by hatred and discords." 12-Q

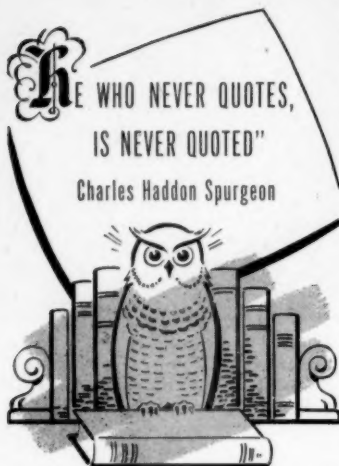
Rep DWIGHT ROGERS, of Fla: "About the only time the 'little fellow' in the U S hears from his gov't is when he gets a tax bill." 13-Q

Bishop CHAS K GILBERT, Protestant Episcopal Diocese of N Y: "Vast multitudes have turned away from the church, disillusioned by the smugness of Christian people in the face of the cruelty and injustice that life inflicts upon vast numbers of God's children." 14-Q

Dr HENRY S SAGER, Hollywood psychiatrist: "The mere state of being in love automatically means you are unhappy." 15-Q

Lady ASTOR, mbr British Parliament: "I have been thru 2 wars but I never felt so afraid as I do today." 16-Q





AIR AGE—1

The Air Force has a bon mot about the Buck Rogers jet and rocket planes. It is vaguely credited to Publisher Palmer Hoyt who, after seeing a nightmarish exhibition of the aerial hot rods at Muroc, is reported to have said: "As I understand it, if you can see 'em they're obsolete!"—BILL HENRY, *Los Angeles Times*.

BEHAVIOUR—Tribute—2

"He went about foiling evil" should be as coveted a tribute as "He went about doing good."—Edw A Ross, Prof Emeritus of Sociology, Univ of Wis, *Capsules of Social Wisdom*. (Chapel Hill Press)

BOREDOM—3

Boredom is a symptom of hardening of the mind.—J H MASTERSON, Bishop of Plymouth, England, *Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

CHILDREN—Logic—4

When a 4-yr-old painted a dog without ears, he carefully explained that he had done so "because he's looking! He's not listening!"—AGNES BENEDICT & ADELE FRANKLIN, *Happy Home: A Guide to Family Living*. (Appleton)

CHURCH—Social Activities—5

Is the church competing with the club fad, or merely imitating it? The vitality of a church is often judged by the splash it makes in the wkly social calendar. Needless to say, there is no guarantee that a church is spiritually alive because it has a pot luck dinner Mon night, a Tues afternoon tea, a luncheon forum Wed noon, with choir practice and fellowship hr following on Thurs.—IRMA THADEN, "Too Many Meetings?" *Presbyterian Life*, 2-19-49.

CONTENTMENT—6

For yrs, Grandpa had been stubborn and crabbed. No one could please him. Then, overnight, he changed. Gentleness and optimism twinkled about him. "Grandpa," he was asked, "what caused you to change so suddenly?"

"Well, sir," the old man repl'd, "I've been striving all my life for a contented mind. It's done no good, so I've decided to be contented without it."—*Radio Review*.

COWARDICE—7

Why does a white feather imply cowardice? It is believed that the implication comes from the ancient sport of cock-fighting. A full-bred game cock never had any white feathers. If a white feather did show in his plumage anywhere, it meant he was cross-bred and usually a poor fighter, liable to quit when the going got tough.—*Irish Wkly Independent*.

CUSTOM—8

To celebrate a wedding or to honor a visiting dignitary, the nomadic Mohammedan tribes in the Arabian, Syrian and N African deserts give a feast whose main dish in size is without an equal. After its foods are cooked and "put together," it consists of eggs stuffed in fish, the fish stuffed in chickens, the chickens stuffed in sheep and the sheep stuffed in a whole roasted camel.—*Collier's*.

DETAIL—Significance—9

Michelangelo* was working on a statue when some friends visited him one afternoon. A mo later they ret'd and found him still working on the same statue.

"Why, what have you done since our last visit?" one asked.

"Oh, I've smoothed a line here, and polished an arm, taken a few flakes of marble from the forehead, etc," repl'd the great artist.

"But those are only trifles! Is that all you've done?"

"True, they are but trifles," Michelangelo gravely responded. "But trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."—*Opportunity*.

DISPOSITION—10

Chas Schwab, the "steel master" used to tell of a neighbor who wanted to sell him a cow.

"Would she fit into my Guernsey herd?" asked Schwab.

"No, I dunno as she would."

"Has she got anything to recommend her?"

"Well, I dunno as she has."

"Does she give lots of milk?"

"No, I can't say she gives lots of milk, but Charlie, I can tell you this: she's a kind, gentle, good-natured old cow, and if she's got any milk she'll give it to you!"—*Speakers Magazine*.

DRINK—Drinking—11

They had effective ways of dealing with brawlers in medieval times. Men could take 1 glass of ale at an inn in passing, but should they linger for more, all weapons had to be handed over to the innkeeper.

If, later, a man grew quarrelsome, a coat was flung over his head and, blinded and helpless, he was walked up and down by sturdy companions until his temper had cooled off and he promised to keep the peace.—*Universe*.

EDUCATION—12

Every invitation to learning carries an RSVP, for which no

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answer is also an answer. Either the invitation to learn is accepted or not accepted. — Dr CLYDE E WILDMAN, Pres, DePauw Univ.

EXPERIENCE—13

The boy who has helped to work his way thru college is a better business risk than the boy who has had no financial experience. *Any kind of work experience is good!*—PAUL W BOYNTON, *Selecting the New Employee*. (Harcourt, Brace)

FOOD—Waste—14

Dr E E J. Cameron, of the Nat'l Canners Ass'n, estimates that synthetically produced nutrients to replace those fed to the kitchen sink cost more than \$2 million.—PATRICIA APFLEYARD, "What's Going On In Foods," *Practical Home Economics*, 2-'49.

GENIUS—Independence—15

Poets have usually held hunger an adjunct to genius—when they weren't selling. But the late Austrian Composer Franz Lehar appears to have held more firmly to his belief in this respect.

In willing his substantial fortune, the author of *The Merry Widow* provided that no part of it be used to help struggling young musicians.

"The really talented," he wrote, "can make headway in life by their own power and merit without anybody's help."—NANA.

GOD—and Man—16

We are no nearer to God than we are to the person or group of human beings for whom we care the least.—Origin unknown.

GREAT BRITAIN—Postwar—17

I heard one eminent British lady (and she is certainly not a Laborite) say at a fashionable lunch party, "Frankly we do not know which to fear most, Russian communism or American capitalism. We don't want invasion from either side!"—JOHN GUNTHER, "Inside Europe," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 2-13-'49.

HABIT—18

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.—*Gas Flame*, hm, Citizen's Gas & Coke Utility.

HUMAN NATURE—19

Today countless families in the more modest income groups are cheerfully mortgaging yet to be earned income so that they may

be among the 1st to goggle at the flickering pictures on the screen of their own television set or among the 1st in their neighborhood to wash, rinse and dry their clothes just by flicking a switch.—V CONRAD CONSTANCE, "So Your Eoy Wants to be an Adv'g Man," *Catholic World*, 1-'49.

LIBERTY—20

It is possible to have socialism, and individual liberty, too. I won't let them take away my right to read the books I like, hear the music I want to hear, admire paintings that please me, buy what newspapers I choose. I'll fight and I'll die for that.—JAN MASARYK*, a few mo's before his death, quoted by JACK WINCOUR, *Illustrated*. (England)

LIFE—21

Life is my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors.—LOUISA MAY ALCOTT,* 19th century author.

MACHINE AGE—22

Two workmen were watching the operation of an immense piece of mach'y which shoveled 50 tons of earth in 1 scoop. One said: "Bill, if it weren't for that blasted shovel, 500 of us might be busy with our spades."

"Yes," ans'd Bill, "and if it weren't for our spades, 1 million of us might be busy with tea-spoons."—*Detroit Purchasor*.

MARRIAGE—23

Marriage, just because it offers a great number and variety of dangerous pitfalls, opportunities for blundering, and situations that demand clever handling, is therefore the great test of good breeding and manners.—MARY BORDEN, *Think, hm, Internat'l Business Machines Corp'n*.

MORALE—24

Morale is the quality of the spirit of the whole. It is the product of many elements, among them hope, determination, health, consciousness of strength, confidence—and belief in God. It is confidence, not merely individual but collective. Morale is no more the sum of the feeling of individuals than public opinion is the sum of individual opinions. It is the spirit of the whole.—LUTHER H GULICK, *N Y Ass'n Press*.

ORIGIN: "Pot Luck"—25

It was the custom in Irish country districts to have a large family pot, which was always kept near the fire; it never became cold. When the "stock" became a bit low, the good wife added vegetables, potatoes, bits of meat, etc., and at meal-time everyone fended for himself with a ladle. Whatever was fished out of the cauldron was called "pot luck," hence the expression "taking pot luck."—*Interest*.



- March 2—April 16, Lent
4-13, Nat'l 4-H Club Wk
6-12, Nat'l Save Your Vision Wk
6-12, Nat'l Table Tennis Wk
- March 6
1475—b Michelangelo, Italian artist.
1809—b Elizabeth Barrett Browning, English poet
1836—Fall of the Alamo to Mexican Gen. Santa Anna
1860—b Wm Jennings Bryan, American politician, orator
1888—d Louisa May Alcott, American author
1932—d John Philip Sousa, American composer
- March 7
1274—d St Thomas Aquinas, Italian philosopher
1849—b Luther Burbank, American horticulturist
1876—Bell rec'd 1st telephone patent
1876—b August Vollmer, American criminologist
- March 8
1841—b Oliver Wendell Holmes, American jurist
1874—d Millard Fillmore, 13th Pres of U S
1885—Niagara suspension bridge opened
1887—d Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman
1917—d Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, German airship inventor
1930—d Wm Howard Taft, 27th Pres of U S
1941—d Sherwood Anderson, American author
- March 9
1451—b Amerigo Vespucci, Italian navigator
1749—b Honore Gabriel Riqueti Mirabeau, French statesman
1847—1st Post Office west of Rockies opened at Astoria, Ore
1862—"Monitor" vs "Merrimac", Civil War naval battle
1890—b Vyacheslav M Molotov, Russian For'gn Min
- March 10
1944—d Irvin S Cobb, American journalist
1948—d Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian statesman
- March 11
1874—d Chas Sumner, American statesman
1885—b Sir Malcolm Campbell, English racer
1888—"Great blizzard in eastern U S
- March 12
1912—1st Girl Scout Patrol in U S organized
1925—d Sun Yat-Sen, Founder, 1st Pres of China Republic
*Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked



KEYS: Key carrier, with 2 key chains connected by an ingenious coupling device, makes it possible to leave ignition key in lock while using other key to open trunk compartment. Two halves of coupling device separate easily by slight tug on collar. (*Detroit Free Press*)

PHOTOGRAPHY: Invented now is an automatic color camera for use of physicians and dentists. Removes possibility of manual error since it is completely automatic. Can be operated by a novice because no knowledge of photography is necessary. (*Grit*)

PRESERVATIVES: Plastic coating prolongs life of flowers, vegetables or trees for hrs, days or even wks after cutting. Compound—a vinyl resin latex—seals in moisture necessary to keep plants fresh by forming transparent, odorless film less than a thousandth of an in thick. (*Invention News & Views*)

PRINTING: Signs that can be read at a greater distance at night result from use of new fluorescent silk-screen printing ink. Readability increased 4-fold with respect to ordinary window posters. Ink has property of greater brightness as light dims. Adv'd as "neon in print." (*Advertiser's Digest*)

TELEVISION: New process to make black and white television equipment capable of transmitting and receiving natural color pictures was demonstrated recently in Laboratory of Color Television, Inc, San Francisco. Conversion is made by adding 3 lenses, 3 color filters—red, green, blue—to both pick-up camera and receiver. Instead of using 3 cathode-ray tubes, 1 for each color, new method makes ordinary black and white tube do the work. (RALPH CROSMAN, *Radio & Television News*)

PEACE—26

The battlefield as a place of settlement of disputes is gradually yielding to arbitral courts of justice.—WM HOWARD TAFT,* *Dawn of World Peace*. (U S Bureau of Education Bulletin No 8)

POPULATION—Classification—27

We of the U S are: Sixty million, Anglo-Saxon; 15 million, Teutonic; 13 million, Negro; 10 million, Irish; 9 million, Slavic; 5 million, Italian; 4 million, Scandinavian; 2 million, French; 1 million each, Finn, Lithuanian, Greek; ½ million, Indian; ¼ million combined Oriental, Filipino, Mexican.

In addition we are: 40 million, Evangelical Protestant; 22 million, Roman Catholic; 4½ million, Jew; 2 million, Anglican Episcopalian; 1 million, Greek Catholic; ½ million, Christian Scientist; ¾ million, Mormon; 1/10 million, Quaker.—*Religious Telescope*.

PSYCHOLOGY—28

Alan Neumann, stage director for the Milton Berle television show, can qualify as a psychologist. When Berle's mother was interviewed on a recent show, the interview ran 2 min's longer than planned. The next scheduled act was a memory expert, who was told he would have to cut his time. The expert threatened to walk out of the studio. Neumann thought fast and told the guest star that the announcer would simply say that the memory expert had forgotten to show up. He stayed.—RAY McBRIDE, *Milwaukee Jnl*.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—29

A light touch will smooth out many a bump in life. City dads in Blytheville, Ark, put that aphorism to work literally when its main st was disrupted. Motorists smiled instead of scowling when they read this sign: "Blytheville Has Growing Pains. Please Bear With Us."—J E STOVER, *Rotarian*.

RECREATION—30

Life without fun is like an automobile without springs.—*Bluebird Briefs*, hm, Bluebird Bakeries.

RELIGION—31

A cowboy expressed it this way: "Now I'm working for Jim here. If I'd sit around, telling what a good fellow Jim is, and singing songs to him, and getting up in

the night to serenade him, I'd be doing just what a lot of Christians do; but I wouldn't suit Jim, and I'd get fired mighty quick. But when I buckle on my straps and hustle among the hills, and see that Jim's herd is all right and not suffering for lack of water and feed, or getting off range and branded by cattle thieves, then I'm proving my love and serving Jim as he wants to be served."—*Moody Monthly*.

REVENGE—32

Not so many yrs ago, Geo Bernard Shaw, poking fun at all things American, came out with some unusually caustic comments. A number of newspapers howled in protest, but one editor held his fire until Mr Shaw paid his much-publicized visit to Miami. This editor's paper published a lengthy report of the arrival of Mrs Geo Bernard Shaw. Mrs Shaw went to this dinner, Mrs Shaw attended that function, Mrs Shaw said this, and Mrs Shaw did that. Then at the bottom of the long article was this casual afterthought:

"With Mrs Shaw was her husband, Geo Bernard Shaw, a writer."—*Christian Science Monitor*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—33

Safe driving at a moderate speed requires nothing but self-control and a strong rear bumper.—JACK SEAMAN, *English Digest*. (London)

SCIENCE—34

Science, which can do many things for us, cannot teach us how to laugh with our friends and enjoy the real things of life.—GERALD KENNEDY, *Pulpit Preaching*.

SERVICE—35

Don't think about the field in which you excel, but about that in which you are needed most.—JULIO BERNACER, *Mundo Argentino*. (QUOTE translation)

SPEECH—Interruption—36

Henry Ward Beecher* was once in the midst of an unusually eloquent speech when some wag in the audience, possessed of less breeding than spirits, crowed like a cock. It was done to perfection and the audience was in a gale of helpless laughter.

But Mr Beecher stood perfectly calm. He stopped speaking, list-

ened till the crowing ceased. While the audience was still laughing he pulled out his watch. Then he said, slowly and as if in deep thought:

"That's strange. My watch says it is only 10 o'clock. But there can't be any mistake about it. It must be morning, for the instincts of the lower animals are absolutely infallible."—*Christian Observer*.

SPEECH—Speaking—37

The recipe for successful after-dinner speaking includes using plenty of shortening.—O A BARTISTA, *Everybody's Wkly*.

TAXES—Evasion—38

The internal revenue bureau claims a record of 96 convictions for each 100 persons tried for criminal evasion of tax laws.—AP.

TEMPTATION—39

No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good. There is a silly idea about, that good people don't know what

temptation means.—C S LEWIS, "The Christian Faith," *Presbyterian Life*, 2-19-'49.

THOUGHT—41

Original thinking is a lonely job.—WM FEATHER, *Enos Magazine*, hm, Enos Coal Co.

TIME—42

A few yrs ago, an ambitious clock peddler invaded a well-nigh inaccessible region of the Ozark Mountains, counting on the absence of competition to help him garner a goodly vol of business. But sales were few and far between. In that region, time was not important, and no one seemed interested in measuring it. Still he persevered—until this incident sent him howling back to civilization again.

He paused before a ramshackle mountain cabin where an ancient native was sunning himself on the veranda. He was working around to the subject of clocks, when a boy came out to inquire: "Whut time is it, Paw?"

The aged native glanced at the shadow moving across the porch, spat tobacco juice thru a knot-hole in the floor and repl'd: "Bout fo' planks till dinnertime."—*Wall St Jnl*.

VOCABULARY—43

Irvin S Cobb,* the journalist, wrote about his youth: "I had the delusion, so common among beginners at the writing trade, that it was bad form to use the same noun twice in the same sentence or the same paragraph; so, if I were writing a story about a cow, I would call her a cow first, and then a female bovine, and then a ruminative quadruped—and so on."—*Stickfuls*. (Doran)

YOUTH—44

The sooner young people start asking questions about the times they live in, the more easily will they adjust themselves to the all too often gloomy answers. I find young people have been getting more and more alert during this difficult 20th century thru which we are blasting our way. I consider the average schoolboy today is a better citizen of the future than he was in my time.—COMPTON MACKENZIE, "Democracy Will Survive," *Listener*. (London)



He lived his creed. . .

LUTHER BURBANK,* born 100 yrs ago March 7th, was perhaps the most important man in horticultural history. WILBUR HALL, with whom he collaborated on his book, *The Harvest of the Yrs* (Houghton Mifflin), explained BURBANK's creed in the biographical sketch:

Luther Burbank believed neither in heaven nor in hell, in the transmigration of souls nor the translation of the body. (His) ultimate doctrine was an unshaken faith in the Immortality of Influence.

For him "the life everlasting" was a phrase—a figure of speech. Life overflowed with wonder, beauty, delight, and the work he found committed to his hand, and whether anything was to go on for him or not interested him not a whit. Sufficient unto the day was the heaven thereof!

But he did know and confess an abiding faith in the everlasting and eternal and all-important power on the race, the world, the scheme of things—on all life—of influence. To his mind the influence shed by a bad man was that man's own reward and punishment; the influence of a good and pure and worthy life was pervasive and everlasting. And there was a touch of the mystic about Luther Burbank. He actually realized that influence, good and bad, as tangible, concrete, observable power in the world. . .

He lived in entire confidence that good work well done, sincere motives, and loyalty to high ideals formed the whole duty of man; to these he added, for the creation of a real heaven on earth, the single essential, Love. As far as in him lay he lived his creed; he died without in the slightest amending or altering it.

Message from Moscow

In a speech to the Supreme Soviet of Oct 31, '39, VYACHESLAV MOLOTOV,* Soviet For'gn Min, said: "One may accept or reject the ideology of Hitlerism as well as any other ideological system, that is a matter of taste. . . It is, therefore, not only senseless, but criminal to wage such a war for the destruction of Hitlerism, camouflaged as a fight for democracy."—BENJ GITLOW, *The Whole of Their Lives*. (Scribners)

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Soviet leaders take pride in the progress of their cause thruout the world. For'gn Min MOLOTOV, who supervised the Communist Internat'l in the early '30's, said on Feb 6, '46, that not only "the many millions in the Soviet Union" were following "the leadership of the Communist Party" but that "in other countries, too, it is not a rare thing nowadays to find that the Communists as leaders enjoy the confidence of the broad masses of the people."—MARTIN EBON, *World Communism Today*. (Whittlesey House)

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GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

A local lady who was invited to a wedding in England but couldn't go has rec'd one of those nice little white boxes in which it is customary to send out tiny slices of wedding cake. This one was empty, tho, except for a printed note from His Majesty's Postmaster Gen'l explaining that in view of the regulations forbidding unlicensed exporting of food from the British Isles he had been obliged to remove the contents.—*New Yorker.* **a**

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Some of the new cars seem to have hydromaniac drives.—*Wildrooter, hm, Wildroot Co.* **a**

A party in Switzerland decided to ascend a very small peak in the neighborhood of their hotel. Tho the climb was no more than a strenuous walk, a guide was engaged, and when the party assembled it was noticed that one of them carried a totally unnecessary rope.

The guide, nodding gravely towards the rope, inquired, politely: “M'sieu is going to skeep—yes?”—*Montreal (Canada) Star.* **b**

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It's a great life when your don'ts weaken.—*DePauw Univ Boulder.*

The young bride asked her husband to copy down a radio recipe she wanted. He did his best but got 2 stations at once with this result:

“Hands on hips, place 1 cup of flour on the shoulders, raise knees and depress toes, mix thoroughly in ½ cup of milk. Repeat 6 times. Inhale quickly ½ tsp of baking powder, lower feet and mash 2 hard-boiled eggs in a sieve. Exhale, breathe naturally and sift into a bowl.

“Att'n! Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg backward and forward until it comes to a boil. In 10 min's remove from the fire and rub smartly with a rough towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with fish soup.”—*Boston Transcript.* **c**

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

FRED RUSSELL
Sports Editor

Nashville (Tenn) Banner

The housewife placed the just-rec'd box of candy on the pantry shelf where, she thought, it was out of sight—and anyone's temptation. Returning hrs later to eat a piece, the box felt light. The 2nd layer was gone, every piece neatly dropped into a paper bag which rested among the new cook's other belongings.

Kind, the housewife merely replaced the candy.

After dinner that night, the cook announced that she was quitting, then and there.

“But why, Ella?”

“I won't work for folks what steals back!” — *Funny Thing About Sports.* (McQuiddy)

It was the day before the annual football match between the rival village teams. The doctor of the village and chmn of the home club called on the capt and gave him some money to buy a new ball.

“That may help you to gain a few goals,” he told the capt.

The following afternoon, 5 min's before the match was due to commence, the doctor again approached the capt. “Did you get the new ball?” he asked.

“No, a new ball won't help us,” repl'd the capt emphatically. “I gave the money to the referee.”—*Anglo-Celt.* **d**

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Ad in Darmstadter Echo (German newspaper): “Young lady, office employee, offers lessons in democracy after 6 o'clock.”—This Wk.

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The daughters of a newly-rich family had difficulty in “polishing” their mother and her remarks often caused them much embarrassment.

At dinner one evening with

friends, the conversation turned to music. The mother was trying to recall the name of a certain composer. “As near as I can come to it, his name is Doorknob.”

The girls tried to cover her remark quietly: “Surely, mother, you're thinking of something else. There is no composer whose name sounds anything like ‘doorknob.’” And they proceeded to go over a few names to prove it—“Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Handel—”

“That's the one!” the mother interrupted. “It's Handel. I was positive it was something you took hold of!” **e**

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Men are like corks when it comes to proposing: some will pop the question while others have to be drawn out.—*Mutual Moments, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n.*

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“What kind of saddle do you want?” the cowboy asked the Dude. “With or without a horn?”

The Dude pondered a moment before answering: “Without one, I guess. Doesn't seem to be much traffic on these prairies.”—*Open Road for Boys.* **f**

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Checking thru a list of new books, the Business Branch staff of the Indianapolis Public Library came across the title *Practical Dope on Bores*. Eagerly they looked further, expecting to get the lowdown on after dinner speakers, purveyors of pointless jokes and dull conversationalists. The small print, however, revealed that the book had nothing whatsoever to do with their expectations—it dealt with ammunition and large caliber cartridges.

The library staff's comment: “Oh, shoot!” **g**

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Many yrs ago, a publisher made it a practice to find mistakes of various kinds in the Bible. He boasted that he would print a Bible without any error in it. He

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CROSS COUNTRY COMMENT

White Disaster

This winter of 1948-'49 has been referred to by Gov Val Peterson as "One of the greatest catastrophes ever to Neb." There has been nothing like it in memory—even in 1888* when the heavy snow fall was just short of 21 in's and was so deep in N Y C that all transportation was put out of service.

This excerpt has been taken from a recent AP account of "the winter disaster of 1948-'49":

First there was the blizzard itself, with swirling, choking snow grabbing out at any one who dared to leave shelter. This is the death-dealing blizzarding disaster, hit and run. Then there was the other disaster, where roads remained clogged for wks, where weather cont'd its left jabs as supplies ran low and hardship increased.

The blizzard phase is the spectacular one. But it's the hangover phase that has made the current winter infamous . . .

Not long after the storm an organization was formed in N Y known as the Blizzard Men of 1888. It holds a meeting on the anniv of the storm every yr and its mbrs recall their experiences.

One of the mbrs, who was living in Philadelphia as a boy at the time, said that the drifts reached the 2nd story windows of his house and that 28 horses were hitched to the snow plow on the st-car tracks. A salesman in a shoe store said that he sold 1,200 prs of men's rubber boots.—GEO WM DOUGLAS, *American Book of Days*. (H W Wilson Co)

Transcontinental rail travelers found themselves snowbound in cities and villages thruout the West. Most of them made the best of delays, of sleeping in chair cars, of living on candy bars.

Resources were mobilized. The airlift of small planes, which had

been flying food and necessities to snowbound farmers . . . accelerated its operations. The Army, the Air Forces, the Nat'l Guard loaned a hand . . . The men, the money and the machines thrown into the fight were woefully insufficient . . .

The cost of the winter can only be guessed: it will have to include the snow-fighting effort itself, the cost in lost business, in dead livestock, in damage to highways . . .

But the legend which will build itself around the winter will come of incidents rather than statistics:

A salesman spent 2 nights and a day in a haystack while a blizzard raged about him . . . A snow-stalled couple spent 3 days in their car, subsisting on field corn. Food-short Indians with only their tents for shelter, used axes to hack away flesh from livestock frozen to death . . . On a ranch a 2-yr-old boy fell into a pail of boiling water. A flier chanced to notice the distress signal after the parents had tried for 2 days to get out a call for help.

The incidents are typical, rather than exceptional . . .

Green-up time can't come too soon in the midlands this spring.



The Soviet humorous wkly, *Crocodyle*, recently had an anecdote entitled "Hollywood Education." A mother says to her son, "Jack, I'm going to give you a watch for your birthday." And Jack replies, "I'd much rather you gave me a pistol. Then I could get a watch for myself."—N Y Times Magazine.

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Mickey Mouse is the best understood symbol for the U S in Korea. When a group of Koreans were asked to suggest a symbol for the U S which their fellow-countrymen would recognize, Mickey Mouse won the nomination.

The most sought after American publications in both Korea and

A recent blizzard in Boston resulted in the following situation described in a Boston paper: A clerk who had to commute to his work in town, telephoned to his office one morning: "I'm sorry, but I'll not be able to get in town to work this morning; I haven't reached home last night, yet!"

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In a certain town in Kansas, the local forecaster of the weather was so often wrong that his predictions became a standing joke to his no small annoyance, for he was very sensitive. At length, in despair of living down his reputation, he asked hdqrs to transfer him to another station.

"Why," asked hdqrs, "do you want to be transferred?"

"Because," the forecaster promptly repl'd, "the climate doesn't agree with me."—MARTHA LUPTON, *Treasury of Modern Humor*. (Droke)

Japan are the mail order catalogs. The people think the illustrations will give them some idea of what life in America is like.—Brig Gen'l ROBT A MCCLURE, *Military Gov't Jnl*.

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The Truman of 1949, whatever he is, is no longer an uninteresting character and his administration is no longer an animated oil painting of the Dutch school.—H G NICHOLAS, "Mr Truman's New Deal," *Fortnightly* (England), 2-49.

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We nudged our 1st few days thru the little Chinese town saying such things as, "Have a gander at that Chinaman over there with that funny beard and silly cap. Look at that girl over there with that old Chinese dress and that bad permanent wave." On the 3rd day we were accompanied by a young Chinese friend, who translated to us the things the Chinese sightseers had to say regarding our particular type of beauty. "Look at the Americans with the big noses. She even put flour on it to make it look bigger!"—HARRY MCLEMORE, *Portland Oregonian*.

